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In former times, 'tis found, a general rule

Each King, to laugh at, kept at Court his Fool,

But our wife M - - - - h has revers'd this whim,

And fills his Court with Fools to laugh at HIM.

Anon.

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LOYAL POET, &c.

HAD I my Sovereign's hand to raise my name,
To that exalted pinnacle of same,
Where perch'd sits Laureat Pye!
My grateful muse the natal day would sing
Unbrib'd by Butts of Sack, of George her King,
And praise without one lie.

No Suns ecstatic caper thro' my verse;

I'd glory to relate

The various worthy actions he had done,

Down to the present time from ninety-one,

In business of state!

I'd introduce unto my Sovereign's view,

A fight he never faw and never knew,
What could not fail to charm!

O how enraptur'd would his passions be,

O how her Majesty would blush to see Truth's naked virgin form.

The ladies, (Maids) of honor with furprife,

Would trim their screwing lips, and gaping eyes,

And formally complain

To Sal'sbury, who trusting their report,

Would swear the Nymph was too undrest for Court,

Then turn her out again!!

Indeed your M_____y is much too mild;

You let these Creatures treat you like a child;

If such a case were mine!

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I'd kick the noblest chamberlain from state;

And break his lify wand about his pate;

Or force him to resign.

'Tis to their interest, to swear that Truth

Is an old haggard b---h, of shape uncouth,

Lest you should form connexion

With the sweet maid, and they of course should lose,

For treating such an angel with abuse,

Your consident protection!

By heaven, I'd give the noblest Lord dismission,

Nor deign to ask the minister's permission;

But cry "vile knaves begone!"

"Let Ministers surround themselves with sools,

"And swear and bully mong their party tools;

"Damn it I'll not be one."

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Indeed your Majesty might justly swear,

If you could feel the wond'rous weight you bear

Of their begotten shame:

There's scarce a fault these courtiers dare commit,

From the imperious Schwellenberg to Pitt,

But you support the blame.

Tis you must answer for all errors done,

Ev'n from the humble Kitchen to the Throne:

A vile ungenerous thing!

Has any faultless servant lost his place!

Is any knave secreted from disgrace,

Who did it? Twas the K---g!

As for example---Late in Grenville's cafe,

When a young Premier told you to your face,

In language rather plain,

Bus when he cilmly gives this power away,

If you refus'd to grace this cousin dear, we will with the immediate title of a peer, which had been act again.

Whilst you declar'd you never would comply,

To place o'er Thurlow's actions such a spy

And gratefully refus'd

To grant his claim---for which, tho' clearly seen

'Twas given at last, to pacify the Q—n,

You stand alone accus'd.

Such partial censure Justice can't abide,

Let those who claim the praise the shame divide,

Nor fix it all on One.

If Queens will meddle with affairs of state,

They must expect the censures that await

lo vield be, oull a plain donnelle forne,

Such business ill done.

Heaven knows I love my King, and with delight

Would give my life to vindicate his right,

And hold him on his throne;

But when he calmly gives this power away,

And to Intruders yields imperial sway,

My loyalty is gone.

Two fovereigns on One throne will never do,

We cannot ferve both God and Mammon too;

No longer then fubmit

To yield beyond a plain domestic scene,

To the monarchial reasoning of a Q—n,

Or tyranny of P—tt.

I know your Majesty's officious crew,

Will think it paying a compliment to you

To persecute my Muse,

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To point a Libel out in every strain,

And swear her full as boisterous as Paine,

In libellous abuse.

As Paine, who, Satan like, with envy curst,

Would every tie of social compact burst;

That man might freely stray,

To catch his felfish rights from rights of brutes,

And claim, by force, whate'er his fancy suits,

Or strength can bear away.

Sic volo, Iubeo—then Tom Paine might sing,

For then the greatest Rascal would be king.

Your Majesty, I know, feels much distress,

At any rude encroachments on the press,

Which makes me much inclin'd

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To think, you'll tell Macdonald he's missed of or Should that Attorney take its in his head, and but To treat my Muse unkinduds suolledis at

For the tis judg'd against the law to pance A

(A tyranny, that ne'er was known in France W

When kings were there admired) and I

Yet fure no Magistrate could so abuse the power to persecute an harmless Muse, but With loyalty inspired.

A Muse, that takes her sovereign's wrongs to heart,

And, boldly, hence, resolves to take his part

Against his host of Friends,

To cool their zeal that counsels to disgrace,

And wrest his Fame fast tottering from their praise,

That damns whilst it condemns!

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I know my generous efforts for your fake, Will every curso of jealousy lawake, mode of oT

In all the fawning court to from or hand to

Who'll try to over-rule your kind regard;

And damp your spirit parting to reward, worl . 19 1 But trust not their report. land of the well

That with Acroic rage,

Before his paffions flack;

First L—e ever forward to refent in it

Prefum'd affronts, and injuries never meant, il

Nor mourn the handredgest fractions will invent will

To labor out some actionable cause,

To fright me with the rigor of the laws Then bribe me reff again. salbad hamining risell

Or R ____ d Quixotte of the House of Lords,

That fights with speeches, and that wounds with words, Great MORTAR of dull threats,

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Which rage directs and word I would I To fly about, and make the opponents flare; o live But form'd to burft and vanish in the air! He missing brager built may observe or an Hodey

Yet, how can piftols fuch a foul appall! and back How fouls so great retreat from arms so small;

That with heroic rage,

High panting to engage, which will bellowing cannon fweep th' embattled plain;

Nor mourn the herbs and flowers untimely flain.

To labor out fonce adlianable cause;

Ten thousand insects oft unpitied yield

Their maimed bodies in the slaughter'd field,

Before his passions slack;

Then who abroad could suffer such to roam,

That might afford fuch benefit at home,

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Most loyal P—r that never blush'd to say

He didn't care a d-mn for that Great Day,

Which gave his Sovereign birth;

Great soul that trembled at the fair report

Of Debbieg, harrass'd by our partial court,

To grace some foreign earth.

Such are the lamps that glimmer round the throne,

Lamps which your royal patent has made known,

And gain'd them public fame!

Lamps which, till then, no fingle credit bore;

Lamps which would never be encourag'd more,

Denied your fostering NAME!

totall be a confuse fed :

Such are the Men who'd damn this ode of mine,

And to the Laureat's stupidly incline;

But sure your sovereign taste,

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Must own of Laureat's trash you've heard enough,

But never sure such execrable stuff,

As Birth-Day Ode the last.

Grent foul time tuend fied ne de

Parsons, I pity much your mispent time,

To harmonize such unharmonious thyme,

Must be a torture sad;

Indeed, your Majesty as well as me,

If you have ever read it, will agree,

'Tis all infernal bad.

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But if your Friends are brib'd to keep the man,
For your sake, I'll improve him if I can.

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H. J. PYE, ESQUIRE, POET-LAUREAT.

HOW dare you, Sir, attempt to fing
The Birth-Day of Great George our King?
And make so blest a Morning rise
With horrid blasts and screamig skies!
A Day, which always must be fair,
With laughing looks and temperate air.
A Day, which nature for his sake
Does of her best materials make
A Day, on which, arise what will,
Nothing by Nature is meant ill.
Yet all these Honors you must curse,
With capering words, and trotting verse,

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And fing of waves and craggy shores;

Of battling blasts---and sullen roars;

Of ruin'd castles, winnowing sails,

Driving loose chast before slow gales;

And as those sails that winds can sweep

Like chast, a navy o'er the deep;

Or gently lift up summer seas

By one harmless halcyon breeze,

Till all the Coast looks down with dauntless face,

To see the tempest wash her white rock's base!!

(Which means, in fewer words to be express, That England chuckles at all France distress.)

And now beyond this Chaos scene

Britannia looks with air SERENE,

(Like an unfeeling thoughtless beast,

Forgetful of her troubled East)

And fwears, her only care's to free

Afric's black fons from flavery!!

And then your Muse slies back once more

To Liberty's congenial shore;

And tells us how its strong-built towers

Oft stood against the rebel powers

Of Tyranny's and Faction's mace,

That tried to crack its solid base;

Alledging then the reason why

The clinging stones distain'd to sty,

Because, they all were join'd by Mortar,

Mix'd up with Patriot blood for water.

Thus does the Laureat Muse the Birth-Day sing,
Nor deigns to say One word about the King.
"Not say one word," returns the Laureat Pye,
I'll tell you what, "Sir Solomon, you lie."

- " Have I not fung?--- as how I would not fing
- " In trifling verse the Birth-Day of my King?
- " Have I not faid? my candid Muse disdains
- " To steep her smoothing lays in Flattery's strains;
- " And faid, that Commerce, with her fwelling tide,
- "Should overflow his breast with virtuous pride?
- " Did I not fay, that power with truth combin'd
- "Would give their help to dignify his mind.
- " And if he was a Patriot King he'd prove
- "The greatest of all joys---a People's Love?
- " How could you then expect my Muse to fing
- " More than could ever happen to this King?"

Good Laureat, if from talking you'll refrain,

I'll promife ne'er to mention thee again;

I'll own your verse is good---your Genius smart,

And ev'ry thought the dictate of your heart;

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Yes of your heart---since not a word is said

That could be judg'd resulting from a Head.

Still, whilst I read your Ode, I must confess

I seel a wonder I can searce express:

Yet 'tis not those dult metaphors which rise,

And stupisy your verse, that cause surprise;

'Tis not your foggy Genius I admire;

Nor cold expressions that would damp all sire.

If for my cause of wonder you shall call,

'Tis at your Impudence to write at all.

Thus, with your leave, by Physic of this fort,

I'd try to purge your overloaded court,

By trash and silth confin'd;

Which, if neglected, will too sure create,.

In these hot times a fever in the state,

Of the most dangerous kind!

Is there One common Genius near the throne?

Do you not, Sire, in merit fit alone,

Save Hawksbury and Pitt,

Whose merit I'll admit,

To your unhappy set some credit lends,

Who stand like Pine-trees midst their weedy friends!

I own, that Grenville's loyalty is great,

Nay is so very bigotted to state,

He'd manage every place;

Dundas and Rose, a very worthy pair;

Worthy of all that's said of them I'd swear,

If 'tis to their disgrace.

But how your Majesty could part with Leeds!

A Duke so fam'd for literary deeds!

Perhaps you did not know it:

His Grace corrects, sometimes, Miles Andrews' plays;
In prologues too his natural sense betrays,
Which constitutes a poet.

And much I wonder that the Laureat's place, When vacated, wer'nt offer'd to his Grace!!

Tho' fuch weak men important stations fill;

I know 'tis much against your fovereign will;

But what can one man do?

When all his seeming friends and servants join

To frustrate, like strait waistcoats on his mind

Each honest generous view.

And why are rude differtions daily spread?

Because the Body dictates to the head,

Where Bodies should obey!

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Because, tyrannic Interest waves her hand,

That shakes the very charters of the land,

And threats monarchial sway!

Rebellious fears had died away with Paine,

But your own fervants bade them live again,

With far more threat'ning fway;

And in your name fpread terrors thro' the state,

Which idle Proclamations must create;

But ne'er can fright away.

If you prefume fuch conduct is approv'd,

Because the Counties warm addresses mov'd;

Sire you may be mistaken;

Just previous to King Charles's martyr'd fall

Addresses loyal, greeted him from all

By whom he was forsaken!!

To check fuch dangerous faults you need not roam

Beyond the lurking places of your home;

There aim th' effectual blow;

Kings may affect to fmile on Rights of Man;

The Rights of Woman Mankind never can,

Nor ever will allow!!

A King, belov'd as you are, should distain
T'address his subjects in so mean a strain,
Rouzing that siend Mistrust;
Guarding with jealous leer against surprize,
Heedful with captious ears, and active eyes,
To make itself most curst.

If Palaces were Honesty's resort,

How could a Thurlow be disgrac'd at Court?

From what ill-counsell'd plan,

Could that Man fall whom you esteem'd so well?
Your Majesty, I fear, could never tell,
Perhaps his Lordship can:

TO

LORD THURLOW.

WHAT halt thou done, my Lord, to affront a Q---n?
That P--tt should persecute thee with such spleen?
Or what sad truth hast whisper'd in his ear,
To make a Sovereign Lady interfere?
Is it, that they with sanguine hopes elate,
In foul reversions to bequeath the state
To all subservient hirelings of their will,
Which you oppos'd, and they have taken ill?
Is it, because, a much more likely thing,
You strive to bless the People with your King,

Nor deign to load your fervice all on One,
And on a nation's flavery build his throne?
In short, my Lord, I'm such an ignorant elf,
I'd rather hear the story from yourself:

LORD THURLOW'S ANSWER.

D---mn'd be the canker'd leer, th' ambiguous smile,
And all the pageantry of courtly guile!
D---mn'd all officious meddlers of state,
The upstart statesman, impotently great;
The new-sledg'd orator---the ignorant peer,
And all the knaveries which to state adhere;
Was it for this, that fourteen years or more,
The seals unblemish'd, as receiv'd, I bore?
Was it for this---ingratitude innate--I taught the boy his alphabet of state!

Nay in his very fwaddling cloaths of power, Clean'd what his weakness dirtied ev'ry hour? Was it for this I told the candid truth, With hopes to check th' ambition of his youth? And ev'n, that partial Patronage procur'd, By which alone his Influence is fecured; But let him chuckle at his Master gone, And like weak youth exult to reign alone; Let him rejoice that I'm expell'd away, The hated check to inconfiderate fway! Let him, with R--e, ungrateful as himself, (Who'd quit all things on Earth or Heaven for Pelf) Practife new schemes to lull each fresh alarm, Or by Finance decrease th' approaching storm; Let him, with all dispatch his time affords, Brighten the RUSTY Genius of his Lords,

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Which, Heav'n be prais'd, from efforts of my own,
Yet never had occasion to be shewn;
Still Stafford's interest shall with Richmond join;
And all their force co-operate with mine;
Still will we make 'em tremble for their ears,
And spight of heavy Grenville shake the peers;
Make Hawkesbury sly for shelter to the throne;
And fright the Q---n to leave the state alone!!

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'Tis not to flate-abuses you're confin'd,

I mean, unjustly blam'd for by mankind;

This Freedom you'll excuse:

For ev'n the royal Artists, whom your name,

Instead of honor, elevates to shame,

Your patronage abuse.

When less encourag'd, they reliev'd distress, 1011/1

But grow more callous as their wants grow less,

And partially employ had the bear a serial alled

The fums which every Artist helps to clear, I Make

Which charter'd Artists gave up every year,

That widows might enjoy! * To ideal bad

Unless, what's urg'd in their defence, is true,

That all the Surplus Money goes to YOU.

* It was the Custom, before the Royal Academy was established, to allot the Surplus of the Exhibition Money to the relief of the Widows of deceas'd Artists. It was also the Custom in Sir Joshua Reynolds's Administration to invite all the Exhibitors to a dinner, which favor was paid for out of the money collected by all their Labors—but on the death of Sir Joshua and Rise of Mr. West, such customs are overlooked, and the Dinner is now confin'd to a select few—

- New Cuftoms

Though they be never fo ridiculous,

Nay let 'em be unmanly—yet are follow'd!

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KING HENRY EIGHTH.

But that, I'm fure, can never be the case;

Indeed, I told an Artist to his face,

" It could be no fuch thing." Is I as was a A

To which, faid he "'tis strange that no one knows,

"Where this large annual-gather'd furplus goes

" If not unto the King." of Layof ours a ve

- "When first he patroniz'd us, it is true,
- "To clear each fit expence;
- " And we, in order to secrete from shame,
- "And prop the credit of his royal name,

 "Did borrow a few pence.
- "Still, in One year they clear'd enough, he knew,
- "To've paid all borrow'd fums with Interest too."

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Your Majesty must be assured I feel

A wish to check those evils I reveal,

As far as I am able; done of blood and blood.

And willing now no longer to intrude.

My efforts for your benefit conclude.

By a true loyal Fable.

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A rapid of Wolf of great interior birth.

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WOLF AND THE MASTIFF.

A FABLE.

PART THE FIRST.

A MASTIFF, nobleft of the canine race!

Bleft with a passive show of social grace!

Stately obedient, active the confined,

In conduct gentle, spirited in mind;

Staunch to the Lord his earliest sense allowed,

He served with honor where his duty bowed.

Bred to obey, submission gave no pain,

And self-contentment loosed the slavish chain!

Bleft

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Blest in himself, he selt no wish to roam,

To bring rebellious innovations home.

Subordination fix'd his joys secure;

Freedom might promise more but none so fure.

Pleas'd tho' confin'd, nor happier hop'd to be,

Was he to break his chain, and wander free.

A ruthless Wolf, of mean inferior birth,

A beast, most hated, of all beasts on earth!

In cunning dangerous—infamous in mind;

Faithless to every creature of its kind;

In danger fearful—cruel in success;

Of rapine greedy—wanton in distress;

Careless of right—but free and unconfined;

No Lord to govern, and no laws to bind.

Banish'd his native home with strong disgrace,

Abroad he sled to propagate his race;

To lead with treacherous tenets beasts astray,

And lure thro' freedom to despotic sway;

Captious at laws, preventing general ill,

Checking the self-taught anarchy of will;

Jealous of order---heedless of disgrace,

And a sworn foe to every social race.

Bred to fuch principles, he long'd to fee

All other creatures like himself made free.

Mark For sile that her fice

Skulking along for food, he pass'd the yard,
Where the staunch mastisf held his nightly guard:
He stopp'd to gaze, and while he gaz'd, admir'd
A life from want, from danger so retir'd;

the same said all soca I wait, same

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And, while with envious scrutiny survey'd,

A distalisfaction at his own betray'd.

Hopeless to taste the happiness there shewn,

Panting to make the Mastiff scorn his own;

Back to his former principles he ran,

And thus his specious argument began:

- " How can a beast, the noblest of its kind,
- " By tyrant laws fubmit to be confin'd?
- "Why to fuch narrow limits bound his fame,
- " And with his race beget a living shame?
- " Free, unrestrain'd, I pace the lawn or wood,
- " And take from Nature's hand my daily food
- "Art thou not form'd to keep thyfelf alone?
- " And has not Heaven allotted each his own?
- "Why then, by labor that fublistence gain,
- "Which, as your natural right you should maintain?

. "Why patient of abuse thus calmly see os doll :
"All other creatures of your race puls free? hat "
"Was'ft not by Nature's charters first design'd,
. That every species should range sinconfin'd?
"Do we not feel from throng inflinctive powers,"
"The privilege of liberty is ours? and and and we
"And the rude tyrants may obedience win, but
"We feel the fense of freedom still within?
"In every class of government we find o and all
"The greatest part to liberty inclined and 11 of
"That is, they feel it as their right of course, " !"
"But fear to vindicate their claim by force; (1"
"But you, by Nature fitted to command, on 10
"Or e'en to govern with tyrannic hand, Jun W
"Should foom the Slav'ry which you thus betray,
"Which only Knaves encourage Fools obey,
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- "Rouze your dull spirit claim your Natural Right,
- " And catch the Freedom offerd you to night."
 - "Sir," faid the Mastiff, " when I break the chain,

" Wasil not by Nature's charters first defign's.

- "Which borne with patience never can give pain;
- "When that free life's affum'd, you place in view,
- " And rights are fought for which I never knew;
- "When all my certain bleffings I deftroy and William
- " In the vague search of more presumptive joy.
- " If then, by your false arguments betray'd, IT
- " I curse too late the hapless choice I've made.
- " Dreading to profecute the life began,
- "Or court again the Lord from whom I ran,
- "What's the refult ?--- but felf-destructive hate, "

"Winch wast Knares exemptor of

"The curse, weak Revolutions must create!"

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The Wolf replied, "The meanest coward dares

- "Scorn the anticipation of fuch fears;
- "To live in timorous dread of coming fate
- " Must damn the pleasures of our present state!
- "Who, by comparison, supports his ills,
- " Must bear unpitied what his fortune wills;
- " Hence you would not remove your present curse,
- " Lest by the change you should incur a worse!"

"At least, you thus your arguments diffuile,

This argument the Maftiff thus remov'd:

- "The flate I now exist in is approv'd.
- " If I'm content --- the blifs of life is hit,
- " And in that case, 'tis freedom to fubmit;
- " All Monarchy or Freedom are but words,
- "We prize each most, as most the bliss affords;
- " And if I'm bleft 'tis no concern to me,
- Whether by regal Government or free."

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The Wolf replied " I must maintain it still,
"You draw your argument from dread of ill; "
"Long us'd to suffrance you submit to bear, "
"And wish, but tremble, to resist the care.
"Tis not, because compar'd with all the rest,
"You feem to like this government the best,
"From felfish principle you act alone, or one is
"Refolv'd to hate all fystems but your own,
"At least, you thus your arguments difguise,
"Lest your true faith attract your master's eyes."
"Like me, your ancestors with freedom rang'd,"
"Till courtly lures their natural rights estrang'd,
"Evils, 'tis true, their former system bore, hand
"But fure this last adopted threaten'd more. The
"At first, their Lord conceal'd the tyrant's sway,
"And by obedience won you to obey;
lalmit the regal Covernment or free."

- " Himfelf observ'd the general right of laws,
- " And feign'd attachment, stole you to his cause;
- " Dreading the honest temper for your right,
- "He only patted to prevent the bite.
- "Till cheated thus, improvident of ill,
- " He fawn'd you into study of his will.
- "The collar'd yoke he coax'd you then to wear,
- "Which blinded faith prevail'd on you to bear:
- " Form'd on the plea, that you might freely roam,
- "And these insignia but point out your home.
- "The Muzzle next he tempted you to take;
- "Then first your Natural Rights began to quake;
- "'Twas then you should have nobly turn'd and bit,
- " And shewn a spirit seorning to submit.
- " For yet the means were left you to reclaim,
- " Or fave by flight the Lord's tyrannic aim;

- " But fill your temper patient sufferance wore,
- " Till every new encroachment led to more,
- " Till from that Collar form'd to keep you free;
- " Hung the strong chain against your Liberty!
- "Then, conscious of your injur'd rights, you strove
- "The cheat by feeble efforts to remove; "
- " Till every weak attempt was useless found,
- "You laid you down and liak'd the flavish ground;
- " Forc'd to obey, with policy you bend;
- " And justify the Life you dar'nt amend."

END-OF THE FIRST PART.